Rail mishaps due to defective couplings

212. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a high power committee to go into the problem of parting of railway coaches due to defective couplings and thus causing mishaps;

(b) if so, by when the said high power committee is likely to submit its report to Government;

(c) whether it is a fact that some persons were killed and injured due to detachment of couplings in some of the recent train accidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government propose to take to stop recurrence of such accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The committee is likely to submit its report by December, 1986.

(c) and (d) One train accident has occurred since January 1986 due to detachment of coupling of a goods train in mid-section near Garwa Road. In this case a collision occurred between parted load of the goods train and 162 Dn. Amritsar-Tatanagar Express.

Checks on the condition of couplers in workshops and at the train examination points have been intensified. Necessary steps will further be taken on the basis of the recommendations of the high power committee.

Effective family planning programme

213. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the revised strategy to make family planning programme more effective;

(b) if so, by when it is to be adopted; and

(c) the details of the new family planning strategy and the extent to which it will control the steep rise of population in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The draft Revised Strategy for the National Family Welfare Programme includes, *inter alia*, (1) developing multi-sectoral linkages between the Family Welfare and other socio-economic developmental programmes, (2) professionalising the Information, Education and Communication activities, (3) ensuring full community participation by constitution of popular committees, (4) Improving programme management and adopting differential area and group specific approaches, and (5) Improving technical quality of services. The objective of this strategy is to ensure the achievement of the demographic goal of NRR-1 by 2000 A.D.

ICDS projects in Orissa

214. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of projects under Integrated Child Development Scheme functioning in Orissa and the number of beneficiaries covered;

(b) what is the total cost involved in these projects; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to cover the entire State during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) 60 ICDS projects